



## University of Maryland Pediatric Residents – Class of 2022

### **Henna Butt, M.D.**

**Medical School:** St. George's University School of Medicine

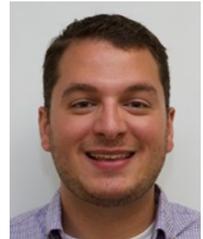
I was born and raised in Toronto, Canada. I then attended the University of Western Ontario where I received my undergraduate degree. I went to medical school at St George's University. I am interested in heme/onc fellowship after residency and specifically, bone marrow transplant. I am super excited about moving to Baltimore and am loving every minute so far! In my free time, I love exploring new restaurants, reading, working out and spending time with my friends and family.



### **Gregory Ede, M.D.**

**Medical School:** West Virginia University School of Medicine

While I wasn't born there, West Virginia has been my home and love since I was 4 years old. Naturally I stayed in-state for college and medical school at West Virginia University (Let's Go Mountaineers!), where I met my significant other during my 1st year of medical school. Looking for a new experience, we wanted to go out-of-state for residency and Couple's Matched at University of Maryland and at MedStar Georgetown. In my spare time, I like to have fun with my co-residents and girlfriend, explore DC, Baltimore, and the surrounding cities, watch/play sports, and enjoy movies and TV shows. I have fallen in love with Baltimore, the University of Maryland, and my co-residents and am super excited to be spending 3 years here with everyone!



### **Katayoun Eslami, M.D.**

**Medical School:** University of Maryland School of Medicine

I was born and raised in Tehran, Iran and moved to Dubai for several years before moving to the Eastern Shore of Maryland during junior year of high school! I then went to University of Maryland College for undergrad (Go Terps!) which was the best four years of my life. And yes, as you probably predicted, I then moved to Baltimore to start medical school at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. To say that I consider Maryland, both this school/hospital and the state, my home would be an underestimate. I love being so close to my family and visit them a couple of times a month. I am an avid fan of The Great British Baking Show and critiquing every contestant as if I know how to bake, going to Orange Theory Fitness, and hanging out with my boyfriend and our cat Rusty. I have come to truly love Baltimore over the past several years and could not be more excited for another 3 years with new friends!! I wouldn't have it any other way.



**Stefanie Fischell, M.D.****Medical School:** University of Maryland School of Medicine

I grew up in Montgomery County, Maryland in a family of University of Maryland alumni (GO TERPS!). It was no surprise that I chose UMD for my undergraduate education where I majored in neurobiology and physiology. Outside of class, you could either find me in marching band or playing sports. I also spent a summer in Spain taking care of 3 adorable children who taught me how to sing SpongeBob SquarePants in Spanish. After graduating, I accepted an IRTA research fellowship at the NIH and then transitioned to a job working for Roche Diagnostics Prior to medical school, I also spent time volunteering with manatees and primates in Sarteneja, Belize. I met my now fiancé right before starting medical school at the University of Maryland, School of Medicine. His grandfather set us up on a blind date at a tennis court and 4 years later we are thrilled to have couples matched to our home program which we both love! I chose pediatrics because where else can you dress up, make goofy animal noises and get hugs from your patients? I love hiking, traveling and playing strategy board games, but my favorite thing to do is spend time with my family - especially my adorable niece Emily and nephew Jason.

**Alaina Halbach, M.D.****Medical School:** University of Maryland School of Medicine

I grew up in New Hampshire and went to Bowdoin College in Maine to major in French. I spent a semester abroad in Senegal where I met my husband. After graduation I moved down to Baltimore to get my Master of Science in Public Health from Johns Hopkins, and, after a brief adjustment period, fell in love with the city. My husband and I then moved to Silver Spring, MD where I worked for 4 years as a contracted epidemiologist for the Department of Defense. While I enjoyed traveling internationally in pursuit of global health and infectious disease epidemiology, I decided to go back to Baltimore for medical school to be able to integrate public health and clinical work in my future career. I am very excited to be staying in Baltimore for my pediatric residency and look forward to further clarifying my interests over the next three years.



My husband and I recently welcomed our daughter and I'm so excited to get to know her. In my free time I enjoy going on family walks with our dogs and reading fantasy novels.

**Eseigboria Ikheloa, M.D.****Medical School:** University of Maryland School of Medicine

Hello! I was born in Shady Grove Maryland and grew up in both Silver Spring and Olney, Maryland. For college I decided to go far away all the way to College Park, Maryland to pursue a degree in General Biology and Studio Art. After college, I came to the University of Maryland Baltimore School of Medicine for my medical degree. As you can see I'm a Maryland girl through and through!



I am very excited to be staying in Baltimore for residency! I absolutely love the field of pediatrics and I am currently leading towards primary care but am also open to other pediatric specialties. I have an interest in public health and advocacy and hope to work that into my career! It's such a blessing to be training alongside such wonderful, kind, and caring colleagues! I absolutely love Baltimore and all it has to offer - all the way from its rich history to its unique patient population, and of course the food! In my

free time I enjoy brunching, spending time with my two kittens (Onyx and Purrl), swimming and hanging out with friends and family.

**Gabrielle James, M.D.**

**Medical School:** Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University

I was born and raised in Wilmington, DE but my family hails from Kingston, Jamaica. I attended Washington College in Chestertown, MD for my undergraduate studies. My love of the French language and culture then took me to Gouvieux, France to teach children for a year. Afterward, I attended medical school at Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, PA. In my free time, I like to travel, read novels, try new foods, and watch television shows. I'm excited to be back in Maryland and I look forward to finding out what Baltimore has in store for me!



**Ankita Khandai, M.D.**

**Medical School:** Rush Medical College of Rush University Medical Center

I grew up in Aurora, IL with my parents and older brother. I then went south and attended Vanderbilt University in Nashville where I majored in Religious Studies and Molecular and Cell Biology and learned to say y'all and drink sweet tea. After college I moved to Philadelphia to serve with AmeriCorps at a Federally Qualified Health Center helping patients sign up for health insurance. I moved back to Chicago to go to medical school at Rush University where I learned that kids are way more fun to take care of than adults. I'm very excited to be training at Maryland and hope to become a primary care pediatrician with a focus on mental health and preventive medicine! Outside the hospital I love dancing (I'm trained in Odissi, a style of Indian classical dance and was on a hip hop team in high school and college), reading comic books and baking while rewatching the Great British Bake Off.



**Tamara Kliot, M.D.**

**Medical School:** Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

I was born in New Jersey, but grew up in Seattle. After high school, I spent a year in Washington, DC, some time in South Africa, and ultimately graduated from the University of Southern California with a degree in Health and Humanity (essentially anthropology, psychology, and biology). I joined Teach for America and was a high school physical science teacher and running coach in New Orleans. In this position, I was confronted by the many realities challenging the health of students and ultimately decided I wanted to focus on improving child health through medicine. I worked with a healthcare NGO in Tanzania before starting medical school in Israel at the Medical School for International Health.



I am excited to be back in the DMV and was drawn to the culture at University of Maryland. I really felt people cared about each other and the community they serve. That's definitely continued to be true so far. In my free time I like to cook, run with friends, do yoga, travel and explore new places around Baltimore.

**Talia Kozlowski, M.D.****Medical School:** University of Maryland School of Medicine

Although I am slowly becoming a Baltimorean, I grew up in Silver Spring, Maryland. I went to the University of Maryland College Park for undergrad and then the University of Maryland School of Medicine, where I fell in love with Pediatrics and wanted to continue training. Between third and fourth year of medical school, I pursued an MPH, developing my passion for public health and preventive initiatives, particularly around infancy. Despite living in Baltimore for over five years, I am still discovering festivals and events each little neighborhood here has to offer! When I am not working, I enjoy spending time my husband Yoni and son Erez, especially outdoors. We hope to continue exploring National Parks even during residency!

**Amal Malik, M.D.****Medical School:** Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine

I was born and raised in Towson, MD and went to Notre Dame of Maryland University for college. While there, I majored in Mathematics and minored in Biology. My journey towards becoming a doctor led me to the Midwest where I attended medical school at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. However, the east coast kept calling my name and I am so excited to be back in Baltimore for Pediatrics residency at the University of Maryland! My interest in Peds began from a young age when I would visit my own Pediatrician and saw him as a mentor and someone to look up to. I hope to be a similar role model for my patients and especially love the aspect of teaching healthy practices to families.



In my spare time, I love exploring the food scene of Baltimore, baking, going to museums and traveling the world!

**Nikitha Mangalapally, M.D.****Medical School:** Albany Medical College

I was raised in San Jose, California and went to UC Berkeley (go bears!) for undergrad. After undergrad, I switched coasts to do a Masters at Georgetown University in Washington D.C. I fell in love with the east coast and have been here ever since! I'm excited to be in Baltimore and hope to explore as much as I can during my time here. In my free time, I love to travel to new cities, spend time with friends and family, try out new recipes, and watch the Golden State Warriors games!

**Rachel Mayo, M.D.****Medical School:** University of Virginia School of Medicine

I am very excited to join the Maryland Pediatrics community on my latest stop in a long road to doctoring. Prior to moving to Baltimore, I was in Virginia, where I spent my medical school years at UVA in Charlottesville. During this time, I participated in the Generalist Scholars Program and developed my interest in primary care and promoting wellness among children and their families. I am fortunate to have spent a lifetime seeing the healthcare system from different angles, first as the daughter and granddaughter of family doctors, and later working for several years as an engineer improving the effectiveness and efficiency of healthcare systems. These experiences have given me an appreciation for the complexity of working in healthcare, as well as the factors outside of the healthcare system that can drive overall health. I am thrilled to be in



Baltimore caring for children and continuing my learning experience! Outside of work, I love eating good food, running, traveling, and cheering on the Hokies from my undergraduate alma mater, Virginia Tech.

**Sana Shuja, M.D.**

**Medical School:** Tulane University School of Medicine

I was born in Lahore, Pakistan, and raised in New Orleans, LA, and I consider both places home. I went to college at the University of Southern California, where I met my husband and became a Trojan for life. I then returned to New Orleans for medical school at Tulane University. Between college and med school, I did an AmeriCorps year in nearby Washington, DC. I am incredibly excited to be back in the area at the University of Maryland with such a wonderful group of people! In my spare time, I enjoy hanging out with my family and friends, traveling, going to see live music, and reading.



**Veronica Wang, M.D.**

**Medical School:** University of Maryland School of Medicine

I was born and raised in Laurel, MD. For undergrad, I attended the University of Maryland, College Park, where I received my degrees in Nutrition and Biology. During that time, I fell in love with Maryland (and my now husband) and knew I wanted to stay here forever. I went to the University of Maryland School of Medicine and am happily still here for residency. I hope to practice primary care (in Maryland, of course). Like many of my colleagues, I am what you call a Maryland Lifer! Outside of the hospital, I love to spend time with my husband, eat, travel, cook/bake, and practice pilates/yoga. I am very close with my family, including my younger sister, baby (adult sized) brother, and terrier mix dog, whom I try to see as much as possible. Since I can remember, I have wanted to become a pediatrician—I am so excited to now have the opportunity to take part in the care of kids here in Baltimore!

